

NOTICE OF RULE MAKING

Pursuant to one or more of the following Arkansas Codes, 20-76-201(13), 20-10-211(a), 20-10-203(b), 20-76-433, 20-77-102, 20-77-107, 20-77-603, 25-10-129, the Director of the Division of Medical Services hereby issues the following proposed changes in the Medical Assistance Program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act:

Arkansas Medicaid proposes State Plan Amendment 2004-008 and Official Notice DMS-2004-A-2, DMS-2004-CA-1, DMS-2004-Z-1, DMS-2004-L-8, DMS-2004-SS-3, DMS-2004-R-7, DMS-2004-QQ-2, DMS-2004-Y-5. Proposed amendment and policy revision will allow additional laboratory and x-ray services to be exempt from benefit extension procedures. This will avoid delay in receiving services that are required and medically necessary that would exceed the recipient's annual benefit limit of \$500 for laboratory and x-ray services.

The proposed policy is available for review at the Division of Medical Services, Program Planning and Development, 2nd floor Donaghey Plaza South Building, 7th and Main Streets, P. O. Box 1437, Slot S295, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203-1437. You may also access it on the Medicaid website (www.medicaid.state.ar.us), and download it from the "Proposed Rules For Public Comment" section of the website's *General* menu. Policy accessed from this location will be watermarked with the word "Proposed". All comments must be submitted in writing no later than June 22, 2004.

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